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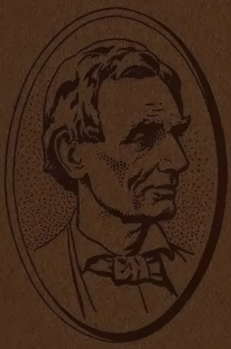

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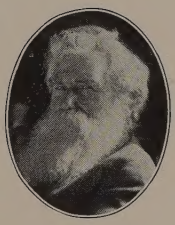

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

I. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Corporate Members—1926

January 13, 1927

Pursuant to notices duly sent out, the regular annual meeting of the corporate members was called to order at the Centre at 8:00 P. M. by President Levinson. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the annual meeting of March 17, 1926, were read and approved.

The following Board of Trustees was elected for 1927:

J. P. Hall	C. W. Reese
Mrs. J. L. Jones	Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Rosenfels
Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Levinson	Matilda C. Schaff
Mr. and Mrs. F. Neilson	Mrs. E. E. Smith

President Levinson reported an offer from a friend of the Centre to contribute $100,000 for additional endowment, if another $50,000 were raised. Mr. C. W. Reese announced that Mr. Levinson had agreed to contribute $10,000 of this latter sum.

The following reports were made:

Treasurer's Report, Mrs. F. Neilson; Superintendent's Report, Mrs. J. L. Jones; Unity, Mrs. S. O. Levinson; Friday Morning Forum, C. W. Reese; Social Service, Mrs. H. S. Ayres; Director, Clear Lake Camp, Mrs. H. S. Ayres, Director; Public Library, Miss Vivian G. Harsh, Librarian (read by Miss Hattie Glover); Domestic Science, Miss Marjorie Thompson, Director; Music, Miss Helen Nagley, Piano; Miss Ada Dahlgren, Vocal; Girls' Work, Miss Leota Blow, Director; Boys' Work, H. S. Richards, A. Eugene Griffith, Directors.

Voted, that the Trustees and members of the Centre again express their gratitude to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad for its generous gift of free transportation to the Lincoln Centre children to and from the Camp at Clear Lake, Wisconsin, in the Summer, 1926, and their good wishes for the Road under its new organization and management.

Reverend C. W. Reese, Dean of Lincoln Centre, made a report upon the history and prospects of Lincoln Centre. A general discussion followed, in the course of which, remarks were made by

F. Neilson, Dr. Hawley, Doctor Southworth (President of Meadville Theological Seminary), and Dr. Williams.

Adjourned subject to the call of the President to finish the annual business later.

Attest:

S. O. Levinson, *President,*

J. P. Hall, *Secretary.*

II. Treasurer's Report—Year Ending January 15, 1927

Helen Swift Neilsen, *Treasurer.*

The Endowment Fund of the Abraham Lincoln Centre is now at the same figure it was last year, namely, $118,987.42. The Liberty Bond given by Dr. Hall has been turned over to the Centre for expenses which was the original intention of this gift. This amount is represented by:

Cash in Bank (Savings)	$ 177.42
Stocks	30.00
Bonds	16,480.00
Notes	2,000.00
Mortgages	100,300.00
Total	$118,987.42

The details of these investments are given under separate sheet attached.

During the year $5,000.00 in bonds and $35,000.00 in mortgages were totally paid off and $1,600.00 was received as partial payment on mortgages. A total of $44,200.00 in new investments were made during the year.

Regarding doubtful investments there is still of course J. M. Woodland mortgage and the Sumner Sollitt note, both of which are still in default on principal and interest. The mortgage is for $1,200.00 and covers some Idaho farm land. The expense of taking any action on this would be all out of proportion to the amount which could be recovered. The Sollitt note is being handled by Mr. Levinson.

The income for the year actually earned was $6,493.07. There was turned over to the Centre $6,539.74 the difference being accounted for by the proceeds of the $100.00 Liberty Bond and accrued interest of $53.33 which was paid on a mortgage purchased.

The rate of return on the entire amount of the endowment fund was 5.45% and the rate earned on the amount that is actually paying was 5.79%.

We are holding $2,000.00 par value of Chicago Railway Company bonds which have been deposited with the Bondholders Protective Committee. What the outcome of the traffic situation in Chicago will be we have no means of knowing but expect that on February 1, next, when the bonds mature that steps will be taken to refund them.

SECURITIES HELD BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE ENDOWMENT FUND

CASH IN SAVINGS BANKS		$ 177.42
BONDS:		
Carlotta Building	$ 500.00	
Chicago Railway Co.	2,000.00	
Evergreen Terrace Apartments	2,000.00	
Homewood Country Club	100.00	
Illinois Masonic Hospital	700.00	
Metropolitan West Side Elevated, 10,000 Par	8,180.00	
Washington Apartments	3,000.00	16,480.00
STOCKS:		
Western Stoneware Company, 2nd Pfd.		30.00
NOTES:		
Sumner Sollitt		2,000.00
MORTGAGES:		
Boshes	$ 4 500.00	
Brown	5 000.00	
Davidson	15 000.00	
Day & Hansen	3,600.00	
Fagan	10,000.00	
Fox	6 000.00	
Friedman	7.000.00	
Funk	3 000.00	
Gannott	2.500.00	
Goldstein	6 000.00	
Grossman	5,000.00	
Lehman	2 000.00	
Maehler	1,000.00	
Meeker	500.00	
Poncher	8,000.00	
Price	500.00	
Star	15.000.00	
Uher	4,000.00	
Woodland	1,200.00	
Zakos	500.00	100,300.00
TOTAL		$118,987.42

INCOME—ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

Year Ending January 15, 1927

Interest on Savings Account	$ 1.53
Interest on Addisson Apt. Bonds	28.16
Interest on Carlotta Bldg. Bonds	30.00
Interest on Chicago Railway Co. Bonds	100.00
Interest on Evergreen Terrace Apt. Bonds	120.00
Interest on Homewood Country Club Bonds	5.00
Interest on Illinois Masonic Hospital Bonds	5.48
Interest on LeLouis Apt. Bonds	121.58
Interest on Liberty Bond	2.19
Interest on Metropolitan West Side Elevated Bonds	400.00

Interest on Washington Apt. Bonds	9.00
Interest on Boshes Mortgage	308.75
Interest on Brown Mortgage	300.00
Interest on Davidson Mortgage	395.00
Interest on Day & Hansen Mortgage	3.44
Interest on Fagan Mortgage	53.33
Interest on Fox Mortgage	360.00
Interest on Friedman Mortgage	147.00
Interest on Funk Mortgage	210.00
Interest on Gannott Mortgage	165.00
Interest on Goldblatt Mortgage	210.00
Interest on Goldsmith Mortgage	810.00
Interest on Goldstein Mortgage	390.00
Interest on Grossman Mortgage	150.00
Interest on Hartman Mortgage	105.00
Interest on Lehman Mortgage	74.33
Interest on Maehler Mortgage	60.00
Interest on Meeker Mortgage	17.25
Interest on Poncher Mortgage	480.00
Interest on Price Mortgage	.50
Interest on Rice Mortgage	1.84
Interest on Star Mortgage	900.00
Interest on Uher Mortgage	240.00
Interest on Weidenhoff Mortgage	330.00
Interest on Zakos Mortgage	17.50
TOTAL	$6,434.26

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

Changes in Investment Account During Year Ending January 15, 1927

BONDS AND MORTGAGES PAID IN FULL:

Addisson Apartment Building	$ 1,000.00
LeLouis Apartment Building	4,000.00
Goldblatt Mortgage	7,000.00
Goldsmith Mortgage	13,500.00
Hartman Mortgage	3,500.00
Weidenhoff Mortgage	11,000.00

MORTGAGES ON WHICH PARTIAL PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED:

Boshes Mortgage	$ 500.00
Day & Hansen Mortgage	100.00
Gannott Mortgage	500.00
Goldstein Mortgage	500.00

CASH FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT	2,600.00

NEW BONDS AND MORTGAGES PURCHASED:

Illinois Masonic Hospital	$ 700.00
Washington Apartment Bonds	3,000.00
Davidson Mortgage	15,000.00
Fagan Mortgage	10,000.00
Friedman Mortgage	7,000.00
Grossman Mortgage	5,000.00
Lehman Mortgage	2,000.00

Meeker Mortgage		500.00
Price Mortgage		500.00
Zakos Mortgage		500.00
TOTAL	$44,200.00	$ 44,200.00

III. Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer

MRS. JENKIN LLOYD JONES.

The record of the year's work will be found in the reports of those who have actually been doing it. I have to report myself as a combination of Head Resident, Superintendent, and Assistant Treasurer with a hand in most of the luncheons, dinners and the daily meals of the resident workers. Add to this some relation to Unity and you have the proverbial Jack-of-all-trades, and master of none. But we have all lived together very happily and I think have accomplished some worth while things during the year. I know the spirit of all the workers has been fine.

As Superintendent of the building I am conscious of the many repairs needed, but which for lack of funds are put off to some future day. This year, however, the large window in the Auditorium which was in danger of falling in has been replaced, and the heating plant overhauled greatly to the comfort of the building. The principal sources of our income during 1926 have been:

Rentals	$ 1,428.88
Interest on Endowment	6,484.83
Subscriptions	12,549.00
Clubs and Classes	359.83
	$20,822.54

Last year we had a deficit of $1,500.00 which we have cleared during the year. The deficit for 1926 is $1,200.00 in round figures which shows a gain on the right side.

In looking backward we can always see, I think, how we might have done better—that is an inspiration to renewed effort.

But tonight I have no discouraging word to say—rather one of gratitude and happiness; gratitude to the friends who have given so largely of their time and means, and with a splendid loyalty have kept the institution at work during eight trying years, and happiness that a brighter day is dawning. I trust that under the direction of Dr. Reese, whom after a close association we have grown to respect and care for, Lincoln Centre will fulfill his own vision and the highest dream of those who founded it in faith and hope, over twenty years ago.

IV. Unity

MRS. SALMON O. LEVINSON, *President Unity Board.*

The year just past is far the greatest year that Unity has enjoyed since the passing of its beloved founder, and it lends great encouragement and enthusiasm to the future.

The result of the efforts of Dr. Holmes in securing the exclusive rights to the publication in Unity of Gandhi's Autobiography has very materially increased the circulation and powerfully stimulated interest in the paper. The subscription renewals amounted to upwards of fifty per cent of the previous circulation. But above all material considerations, this magazine, the spiritual child of Jenkin Lloyd-Jones' love of liberty and liberalism, has made for itself a new and higher place among the choice spirits of the world. Its intrepid and indefatigable editor has set a pace with the Autobiography of Gandhi which he will not slacken, and the future is bright with kindred hopes.

There is only one blot on the escutcheon. Three great names adorn the title of Associate Editors of Unity, but these three have been far too conspicuous heretofore, by their absence from its columns. Let us enter the year of 1927 with the expectancy and promise that Unity will be enriched and its readers rewarded with many a draft from their fountain pens, and that hereafter these distinguished men may remain both vocal and voluble.

This beautiful little magazine which comes so regularly every week, owes much more than can be expressed in words to the loyal and untiring efforts of Mrs. Jones and Miss Johnson. Without their unstinted devotion, it would be almost impossible to carry on.

It is not always easy to know the truth. It is often only with diligent seeking that it may be found. Unity's standard has never been lowered. It has always been and is the champion of free thought, free speech, free press; of idealism and brotherhood, that ideal upon which this great institution was founded.

V. Friday Morning Forum

CURTIS W. REESE, *Chairman.*

I am glad to report that the Forum closed its last fiscal year with a small balance.

Our speakers from January to April were Miss Jeanette Rankin, Forest A. Kingsbury, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Louis Untermeyer, Anna Louise Strong, Jay Finley Christ, Mme. Cor. Ramondt Hirschmann, A. J. Carlson, Scott Nearing, S. K. Radcliff, Margaret Sanger, and Arthur Guiterman.

We opened our Fall season with Dr. Moritz J. Bonn on October 8th. Then followed, Edward A. Ross, Joseph K. Hart,

Charles Edward Russell, Alva Taylor, Jennie Loitman Barron, John Haynes Holmes, Kirby Page, Fay Cooper Cole and Scott Nearing.

VI. Social Service

MRS. VICTOR POLACHEK, *Chairman.*
MRS. H. S. AYRES, *Friendly Visitor.*

During the past year, 425 outside calls were made, and 458 people were interviewed in the office. Although many are seeking employment, not all of these people are asking for help. Some are neighbors who are interested in our work and come in to be friendly. Many times we are used as a bureau of information; this is just as it should be. Our ambition is to make this department a necessity to the people of this community.

Employment was found for 67 women and 4 men. One hundred dollars balance from last year was turned over to the Camp, for the department earned $128.10. Of this $81.55 was expended in emergency relief work, $5.00 for glasses for one of our boys. Twelve children were taken to dental clinics, and 24 tooth brushes and booklets on care of the teeth were given out where they were badly needed. Many people were referred to clinics or hospitals; and to the Michael Reese and St. Luke's Hospitals we are especially indebted for free service.

The Better Housewives' Club was organized two years ago to give friendship and recreation to a group of 12 women receiving widow's pensions, but it has spread to a membership of 45, and now includes many others. Credit for the success of this group must be given to the untiring energy of our President, Mrs. Fred Johnson and to Miss Clotee Scott our sponsor in the Juvenile Court. This club from their limited means gave $5.00 to Lincoln Centre Camp and have given two completely equipped suitcases to dependent girls leaving the Juvenile Court. Two meetings each month, usually with a speaker, a Christmas party with one hundred children as guests, and a bus ride through the parks last May, a courtesy from Judge Mary Bartelme, sum up the year's activities.

The Mothers' Club with 55 active members has also held two meetings each month with a speaker or a discussion of some interesting subject. Of course, the wisest ways to care for children, and Household Management are all important problems, but we don't confine ourselves to those. Public Health, Prevention of Crime, a Detention Home for Women, have all been subjects of our study. Recreation, of course, is one reason for the existence of this club; so we play games and visit. The Mothers' and Daughters' dinner, our annual luncheon, and the big family Christmas

party with its attendance of 200, prove that we are a sociable fun-loving group.

The Christmas work this year was an example of what can be accomplished by cooperation of several agencies. Twenty-seven families were completely cared for. The Chicago Herald-Examiner and a South Side Club of women furnished the food, and Lincoln Centre with the assistance of the Congregational Sunday School, and a generous donation from the Needlework Guild, provided new clothing and toys for each child. Mrs. Levinson lent her car, and Lincoln Centre workers delivered the packages.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Levinson every child who attended our Christmas entertainment on December 17, was given a box of candy.

The worker wishes to take this opportunity to thank the friends who have so loyally stood by, and her fellow-workers for their loyal cooperation.

ANNA S. AYRES.

VII. Camp

MRS. IDA S. RANDALL, *Chairman.*
MRS. H. S. AYRES, *Director and Treasurer.*
MISS LEOTA BLOW, *Director of Girls' Activities.*
MR. A. EUGENE GRIFFITH, *Director of Boys' Activities.*

Each year we report that camp was better and more successful and really mean it. We have several reasons for saying so this year.

First of all—we had two good friends in Mrs. Funk and Mr. Dana who worked so hard to raise the money, enough that we paid all the bills, paid farm expenses, paid back the loan Lincoln Centre made to us last year, painted the camp buildings and have a balance on hand of $125.00. The children earned for camp by entertainments, "Vodvil Nite" and candy sales, $177.02. The effect of working to help finance the camp is noticeable in the care and responsibility the boys and girls assume toward the camp property.

We had 236 campers—133 girls and 103 boys. We gave our L. C., which is the highest honor won in camp, to 53 girls and 30 boys. Our standard is high, and to win an L. C. means that a camper must show very good behavior, good camp spirit, and personal cleanliness. He must do a certain amount of nature study and swimming, and take an active part in all camp activities. Such a record was made possible by the conscientious work of Miss Blow as director of girls' activities, and Mr. Griffith, swimming instructor and boy worker, and the volunteer leaders, most of whom were recruited from our older boys' and girls' groups. Special mention must be made of Miss Marge Thompson, Miss Wallie Lunt, and Richard Palmer, who gave most of their summer to this work.

The self-government plan in the older boys' and girls' camp worked out so well that we hope to try it in a modified form in the younger camps. The need of care and counsel with the little children makes leaders necessary, but the campers love to plan the day's program. To be called before the Council for bad behavior is a disgrace and rarely happens.

A very good feeling and understanding exist between the neighbors and the campers. The town paper made the camp a feature of one week's issue, and on the Stunt Night, which each group gives, the country folks come from far and near to enjoy our program. A high point in the girls' camp days was reached on the Sunday the James family of Fort Atkinson visited the camp. During Chapel Meeting, at sundown, in our beautiful woods, Mr. James talked to our girls of Mr. Jones and how the camp was planned and built; of the midwinter day when he brought a group of men to this spot and although the ground was covered with snow, with his enthusiastic words, painted such a picture of the farm buildings and a camp filled with happy girls and boys from Chicago, that they were ready to go "gunning" for money to build at once. Two good friends of Mr. Jones and Lincoln Centre had already provided for the land and on that day the plans were made and in the spring work was begun. Our girls loved the camp before, but they resolved to work harder toward the ideals Mr. Jones had for them.

Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Nagely made us a flying visit during the boys' camp and had a Sunday morning breakfast in the company of 40 smiling little boys.

The worker has had the privilege of acting as Camp Hostess to the earnest and happy group of the Young People's Religious Union made up of about 35 representatives from Liberal churches of midwest towns and cities. This group rents the camp for 5 days, and furnishes its own program. We board them at a small profit. They are beginning to love the camp as we do. Mr. and Mrs. Reese and children were a part of this group and were most helpful.

I think I can truly say that the camp and its influence on the children is one of the most worthwhile activities of the Centre.

ANNA S. AYRES.

VIII. Public Library

MISS VIVIAN G. HARSH, *Librarian.*

Although I do not consider this the most outstanding year of Lincoln Centre Branch, still I feel gratified to know that the branch and its advantages have been made known to groups ignorant of its service. Individual assistance and interest have been given persons seeking information.

The branch affiliates with the eight public and parochial schools in the neighborhood and graded lists were compiled and distributed to them. Study courses in Mortgage and Loan Business, English Grammar, Physical Education, Insurance Salesmanship, etc. were prepared by the Reader's Bureau for borrowers at this branch and others selected the courses outlined in the "Reading with a Purpose" booklets published by the American Library Association.

During the past year 71,427 persons availed themselves of the use of the reading rooms for study, research work, and the reading of books and magazines. Three thousand nine hundred seventy-three reference questions were answered and 1,317 new cards were issued. The circulation of books for home use was 116,223—(68,-340) to adult readers and 47,883 to juveniles. The Picture Collection continues to be as popular as formerly; from the 3,000 mounted pictures, 9,633 were circulated for home and school use. The Foreign books although forming only a small nucleus of the main collection seemed to be appreciated by those interested in that type of literature—552 volumes, principally in the Spanish, French, German and Yiddish language being issued. Twenty Story Hours were held with an attendance of 653 children. Both membership and interest showed improvement on that of the previous year. The "Bird Contest" held in June was a lively affair and many young readers became acquainted with many different kinds of birds, their habits and homes. Eight schools entered the contest with the Oakland School winning the prize.

The branch contains a working collection of 11,382 volumes, with a Rental Collection of current fiction and 77 periodicals of a technical and popular nature.

Abraham Lincoln Centre has for sixteen years furnished quarters, heat and janitor service for a branch of the Chicago Public Library, while the Library has provided the staff, salaries, books and equipment.

IX. Domestic Science

MRS. CHARLES E. NAGELY, *Chairman.*
MISS MARJORIE THOMPSON, *Director.*

There are 152 enrolled in the Domestic Science Department: 73 in the cooking department, and 79 in the sewing. The attendance has averaged about 100 every week.

The little Juniors started out in sewing this year by making their head-bands and aprons to be worn in the cooking classes. Ordinarily, sewing doesn't interest children, but before Christmas there were at least fifty Juniors coming every week. I think that their enthusiasm was due largely to dressing dolls. They made every article that a small baby wears, and are now planning on

making sheets and pillow cases for the doll's bed. The Middlers made gingham holders to give to their mothers for Christmas, and leather powder-puff cases designed with bright colored yarn.

Volunteer workers have been very helpful in the instruction of these classes.

The cooking classes are also divided into beginners and advanced groups. Here again, the little tots have been so enthusiastic that I have been forced to divide the group twice in order to make room for them all.

I have tried indirectly to establish habits of cleanliness and a taste for simple, nourishing food.

Because a group of young high school boys in the community expressed their desire to learn to cook, I decided to try out a Boys' Supper Club. We have only met a few times but I really believe it will work out quite well.

In addition to my Domestic Science classes, I have charge of a social club made up of twenty-five Junior High School girls. They have had hikes and parties to which they usually invite their favorite dancing partners. At our December Frolic they put on a rousing minstrel show which they, at least, enjoyed immensely.

MARJORIE THOMPSON.

X. Music (Margaret C. and Mary V. V. Pinckney Endowment)

MRS. CHARLES D. STEELE, *Chairman.*
MISS HELEN NAGELY, *Piano.*
MISS ADA DAHLGREN, *Vocal.*

Piano

Our aim in this department is to give thorough instruction on the piano at a very nominal sum. Each child is given a private lesson of one-half hour a week, and also a class lesson each week of forty-five minutes. The class lessons cover technic, rhythm, and ear training. The private lessons are one dollar a month for four lessons.

The attendance has been greatly increased this year. Calls are made monthly on the parents to meet and discuss the work we are trying to do with the children. Three piano recitals were given during the year.

In May, 1926, examinations were given. To the three highest in grades a free scholarship was given for the following year. A prize of a metronome was given by Mrs. Steele to the one whose attendance was perfect throughout the year.

We have as volunteer teachers—Mary Gilloley, Margaret Crossman, Dorothy Jensen, and Mrs. Meda Zarbell Steele.

HELEN NAGELY.

Vocal

The work of the music department naturally divides into two parts: instruction in piano, and training in voice. The voice training in turn falls into two parts: private lessons in singing and chorus work. There is a growing demand for good private lessons at a reasonable price, and we are attempting to fill that need.

Before dealing with the character of the chorus work at Lincoln Centre, I wish to speak of the musical needs of the neighborhood. The refining influence of *good* music (I wish to underline *good*) is conceded by every serious person. So our aim is to use this *good* music to accomplish three great purposes. First, we try to counteract the great tide of jazz by supplying songs of higher character, and by stressing discipline in rehearsal and performance. Second, chorus singing provides a good outlet for the abundant energy of the children. Their thoughts and impulses are directed further into the right channels through performances of cantatas and operettas. And third, we aim to uncover and foster hidden talent.

The six choruses, ranging from unison to three and four parts, are as follows: One Boys' Chorus, a Middler Glee Club, a Middler A Glee Club, a Junior Chorus, a Junior A Chorus, and the Senior Quartette.

The Junior Chorus shows a marvelous growth, both as to numbers and ability. This doubling of membership is due to the noticeable influx of children of the Junior age into the neighborhood.

In closing I wish to give a few figures and to mention some outstanding performances for the year.

More than 125 children and adults have been or are enrolled in the choruses of Lincoln Centre. The attendance has been 1,127, and the rehearsals number 202.

Besides four piano and voice recitals on Lincoln's Birthday, on March 11, on Mothers' Day, and at Thanksgiving time, two operettas were given with great success. On May 28, Snow-White by Franz Abt was sung by all the choruses, assisted greatly by Mrs. Castro-Leon, lyric soprano. On December 17, an operetta by Spaulding, "The Joke on the Toy-Maker," with Mr. Rollin Adams in the title role, was given on the Christmas program.

Ada Dahlgren.

XI. Girls' Department

Mrs. M. W. Pinckney,
Mrs. S. O. Levinson, *Chairmen.*
Miss Leota Blow, *Director.*

This year our Girls' Department has continued to hold the interest of representative groups of the neighborhood girls. We try

to provide for them wholesome and constructive recreation. We want these girls to have a lasting interest in Lincoln Centre and to be benefitted by what we can do for them.

Every day beginning at 3:30, we offer classes for children of the neighborhood. We are fortunate in being able to secure competent and interested volunteer teachers from the Chicago Normal School of Physical Education, University of Chicago, Chicago Normal School and from public high schools. Without the help of these volunteer teachers, it would be impossible to carry on the program that we do now. We have 34 classes meeting each week.

In addition to the regular routine work that goes on all the time, we have many special events during the year.

The gym classes, dancing classes and clubs all worked hard to make "Vodvil Nite," March 11, a success. The evening was devoted to short acts, dances, music and gym work. "Vodvil Nite" netted us $146.25 for camp.

During the spring months many activities were carried on. In May the Mother and Daughter Dinner was held. We had a good attendance. The Mother and Daughter Dinner has become a regular annual event that is looked forward to by many. The Girls' Athletic Meet was held last May. We awarded L. C.'s to girls who were able to secure the necessary number of points in the meet. May 21st, the final demonstration of girls' and boys' work was given. We were pleased to see what progress the gym and dancing classes had made. Picnics and hikes featured largely in our spring activities, too.

This fall our work started off very well. The children registered and entered the classes promptly. As soon as possible we had our camp reunions and revived the splendid camp spirit that the girls showed at Clear Lake last summer. Our loyal campers make a splendid nucleus upon which to build our work here at Lincoln Centre. Miss Jordan of the Chicago Normal School of Physical Education sent us a splendid group of volunteer teachers for our gym and dancing and game classes. Other volunteer teachers have also shown a splendid spirit of cooperation. On December 3, we had a workers' tea which was well attended and a spirit of loyalty to Lincoln Centre was evinced.

This fall after our camp reunions, we had parties for various groups. On December 10, we had a December Festival given by the Middler Girls' Club assisted by the Senior girls. The girls charged the nominal fee of 10c a ticket, and they cleared $30.00, which will be formally presented to Mrs. Ayres "Vodvil Nite." The girls want to use the money to buy a boat for camp.

On December 17, the Centre had its Christmas program and candy was given out to the children.

We also try to keep in touch with outside activities that will be helpful to the girls. Last March our girls attended the mass

meeting that opened Girls' Week. In April, six girls and two leaders represented Lincoln Centre at the annual dinner held by the Federation of Girls' Clubs. Club leaders also make use of the Field Museum, the Art Institute and other worthwhile places.

Lincoln Centre is needed by the boys and girls of this locality. They need a good place in which to spend their leisure time. They need the gym and dancing classes for physical development. What chance has a boy or girl to play in a crowded apartment? The children are receiving good, clean recreation under good supervision. We are trying to interest the adolescent girls and give them a start in the best direction. If we can give the girls who come here higher standards and greater ambitions we are accomplishing a great deal.

We are closing the year with a registration of 175 in the girls' department. We have 78 Juniors, 61 Middlers, 26 Seniors and 10 adults.

Last year at this time Miss Adah Peirce left Lincoln Centre and I took over her work. Miss Peirce left the girls' department well organized. I took over her organization and tried to develop the girls' department along the same lines. I have deeply appreciated the help that has been given to me by the Lincoln Centre people, my co-workers, and the cooperation that I have had from the girls who are Lincoln Centre members.

LEOTA BLOW.

XII. Boys' Department

CURTIS W. REESE, *Chairman.*
H. S. RICHARDS, *Gymnasium.*
A. EUGENE GRIFFITH, *Game Room and Clubs.*

Game Room Activities and Gymnasium

The boys' work has been organized with two principles in mind, first, that the department should lay a basis for a wider and more intensive development during the years which are to follow; second, that all of the different phases of the program are only parts of the same work and as such should have a relation to each other. The first principle has led to the organization of clubs among the younger boys of such a nature that there can be an expanding program from year to year which will both build character and citizenship in the boys and relate them to Lincoln Centre as the institution which will give them leadership and opportunities to enjoy the things that boys crave. The second principle has been the basis for a reorganization of duties among the leaders by which the same adult leader has been directly related to the same group in more than one activity whenever possible. That is, the leader who

has a group in the game room will also have that group in the club meeting or gymnasium.

Our regular work for the season started the first of October at which time the gymnasium and game room opened on a regular schedule.

The game room is open to all groups of the membership. The younger boys are given two periods each week of an hour and a half immediately after school. The older boys are given one period each week after dinner. In addition to the regular games which the boy can play at will we are promoting tournaments in checkers, horseshoe and pool for the various groups after which house honors will be awarded. We are trying to teach the younger boys how to enjoy the smaller games which are to be found in the homes. It is the desire of the workers that the game room be a place where the boy can meet others of his age and where the leader can become the friend of all the boys and through this contact gain their confidence, act as their adviser and develop manly traits of character. The attendance during the past year has been 4,365. This last Fall has brought a greater number of boys of the high school age to the game room than last year and we can look forward to an even greater number as things are developed which will interest them.

The gymnasium is enjoying an unusually busy season. Through the kindness of Miss Blow it has been made available to the boys an extra night each week making in all approximately thirty hours a week that the gymnasium is used by members of the boys' department. This time is allotted to the different groups which compose our membership. The attendance has been very good with one or two exceptions. During the past year 3,315 used the gymnasium. The irregularities, unless due to sickness, occur among the older boys who have interests elsewhere which conflict. We have a thirty-six per cent increase in attendance during December over December of last year. We can safely predict a fifteen per cent increase during the months of January and February owing to increased activities which are already organized.

The department has two basketball teams entered in the Settlement League, and will enter at least one in the National Amateur Athletic Tournament which is city-wide. The membership basketball league, with six teams from among our white boys of Junior High School age is organized and ready to start next Saturday. This will continue through January and February, games being played each Saturday afternoon. A similar league is being attempted for another group. The athletic contest for all members is planned and will be conducted during the last two weeks in February. The parents are asked to attend these events and enjoy a social time with their boys. In March we have the annual Vaudeville night and in May the Spring Festival in which the boys' department will participate.

A Father and Son Banquet was held during the annual Father and Son Week. Eighty-four sat down to dinner. We were fortunate in having Dr. Preston Bradley who gave a very fine address. This was the first attempt at such a banquet for a number of years. We feel that it was very much worthwhile and would like to have more emphasis put on things of this character.

The program of the boys department is possible only because we have a number of men who are giving volunteer leadership. We have three men from Meadville Seminary, three secured through Dr. Carlisle and the Y. M. C. A. at the University of Chicago and Mr. Edwards who is scoutmaster. Although three of these seven have come with us since the first of the year the others have been doing work for several weeks. We wish to express our appreciation to those men for the services they are rendering.

H. S. Richards.

XIII. Clubs and Social Activities

This year the club work has been put upon an entirely new footing. There are at present five clubs meeting once each week, one of which is the Boy Scouts. Each club has a volunteer leader who is doing his best to promote high standards of efficiency in clean living, physical and mental conduct. A brief history and the purpose of each of these clubs follows:

Mr. Koch, a student at the University of Chicago, is acting as a volunteer leader of a younger boys' club. The club is following a citizenship training program. It started with but three members and has increased to eight.

The Meadville School furnished us with another leader who is doing a splendid piece of work. Mr. Eicher has a group of boys, 11 and 12 years of age. This club was organized in October, 1926, and has for its object, the development of physical, mental and moral welfare of its members by means of athletics, hikes, sight seeing trips and group discussion. At each weekly meeting this club has a definite topic for discussion. During the autumn months the subject of games was discussed. Each boy would come prepared to describe some foreign country's game and then a comparison would be made with the American game. The topics for the following three months will relate to occupations of man. Nearly every boy has ideas as to what he would like to do when he grows up, so he will be given a chance to tell the other fellows, after he has made a careful study, just why he is going to follow this particular occupation. This will give the leader a wonderful chance to supplement and make valuable suggestions about the life work of these boys. All will not follow the line that seems so important to them at present, but no doubt many of them will remember in the years to come at least a few of the points discussed in

these meetings. When time permits short book reviews are given by Mr. Eicher to arouse the interest of the boys in better books instead of the cheaper novel. The Club has visited many places of interest, including the Field Museum and the Forest Preserves. An average of ten has been present at the meetings.

The Feathers Athletic Club is an organization of older boys who have been organized for over two years. They hold club meetings in one of our club rooms once each week. Their meeting discussions are mostly along the line of athletics, and are conducted in a very business-like manner. From this club some of the leaders for the boys' camp this year were picked. They proved to be of standard quality and handled the squads in excellent manner.

The Oakwood Flashes A. C. was formed this year, and has as its basis a group of older boys who were in previous years members of Lincoln Centre, but who for various reasons had drifted away. These boys became interested in the work here because of the contact made with a few of them at camp, and others came back because they found that their friends were enjoying the activities here. Mr. Tom O'Brien the president of the club was one of the best councilors at the older boys' camp.

The Boy Scouts were re-organized late this fall and Mr. Edwards was secured as the scout master. He started with the three boys of last year's troop who were still in the neighborhood and has now fifteen members. Fourteen of these boys have passed the Tenderfoot test and many of them are preparing to go before the court of honor for the second class test in February. Mr. Reuben Skor, a Lincoln Centre boy, is giving valuable aid as Assistant Scout Master.

One of the most important social events of the year was in the form of a camp reunion. The older boys who were at camp were asked to bring a girl to the affair. Miss Blow and Miss Thompson asked in several of the girls from their departments, so even the bashful boys had a girl. Part of the evening was spent in dancing and singing some camp songs, after which the girls were entertained by Leroy Sabey and Dick Palmer who performed some very difficult tumbling acts and gave a dialogue. Dick was a leader in the younger boys' camp, and assistant director of activities in the older boys' camps. Too much cannot be said of the exceptional work done by these two Lincoln Centre boys.

The younger boys' camp reunion was in the form of a truck ride out to the Forest Preserve. Only half the boys attended, but they had enough fun to make up for the half who were absent. We were able to make this trip through the generous offer of Mr. E. L. Griffith who donated his truck for the occasion.

The work of the leaders has been above reproach. It is through their cooperation that the clubs have been made to furnish so great a part in our program of recreation and training.

A. Eugene Griffith.

XIV. Abstract of the Address of the Dean, Curtis W. Reese

The founding, twenty-two years ago of Abraham Lincoln Centre, was a unique experiment in the field of social and religious activity in America. Lincoln Centre was not established as a social "settlement" in the sense in which that term is technically and properly used. It was established as a social *centre* at the heart of which was a spiritual message and program. A social "settlement" is a group of persons living within a district which they hope to improve by means of their exemplary life and habits. Lincoln Centre aimed to be the living embodiment of the best ideals of the people who composed the district; a cooperative experiment in righteous living.

The record of the past twenty-two years is one in which those who have made it possible should take great pride.

In the judgment of those of us who have studied the present-day Lincoln Centre and environment, the need for Lincoln Centre is not less but greater than it was twenty-two years ago. And if Linocln Centre constantly readjusts its program to changing situations, its second twenty-two years may be even richer in the nobility of its service.

The promotion and publicity features, typical of many similar institutions, have never been a part of the program of Lincoln Centre. Hence, even now many persons do not realize the scope of the present-day activities of the Centre. While numbers are not adequate criteria of work accomplished, still they do evidence somewhat the nature and character of a work. Last year our classes and clubs had an attendance of 11,614 women and girls, and 8,626 men and boys, chiefly boys. The Friday Morning Forum had an attendance of 3,153 from all parts of the city. Miscellaneous meetings had an attendance of over 10,000. The Library had a record of 70,511, making a total attendance record of approximately 103,000.

In the girls' department, classes are conducted by forty volunteer teachers in addition to the compensated staff. And recently the boys' department has begun the use of additional volunteer teachers in cooperation with the field work department of the Meadville Theological School. Meadville is a part of Lincoln Centre's tradition, for it was there that Dr. Jones received his theological education, and for many years he served on Meadville's Board of Directors.

The removal of other ecclesiastical centres from this immediate district makes even greater demands upon us and creates even greater opportunities for us. And the shifting of population has added immensely to the work and the opportunities of the welfare department.

It is not too much to say that there is no Sunday service of any sort in the city of Chicago which has more far reaching effect

than the Friday Morning program of Abraham Lincoln Centre Forum. But we look forward (we know not how far) to the reopening of the auditorium for Sunday services and the renewed use of that pulpit over which once draped the white-bordered flag of Peace.

Especially is there great need in addition to the old line social work (and indeed replacing some of it), for children to be helped to appreciate beauty in art, sculpture, and literature. For some time I have planned such a new feature, but only recently have I found a young man to initiate it.

Lincoln Centre was a pioneer in kindergarten work in Chicago. There is now need for pioneering in pre-kindergarten education.

There are also new opportunities in the field of adult education. Now, even more than formerly, a university course is merely the beginning of an education. The increasing body of knowledge that is being piled up in the laboratories and class rooms of the world needs to be translated into terms that are meaningful to the many who are outside the sphere of formal instruction. The Fundamentalist, the Ku Klux Klan and allied movements could not thrive as they have within the last few years if the main body of the population had access to sources of information that would put them abreast of the march of modern thought. Our location in the general vicinity of the University of Chicago makes it possible for us to be not only a social laboratory for students, especially theological students, but also a point from which University lecturers could reach the many who have already passed beyond the walls of the class room.

The location of Lincoln Centre is strategic. Pershing Road is almost the geographical center of Chicago from North to South, and it is approximately the population center of Chicago. The transportation facilities are extraordinarily good. Three blocks to the East is the Illinois Central and the site of the outer drive which is now being constructed. One block to the East is the surface line and the site of a station on the proposed subway system. One block north is a surface line which extends to the outer circle of the city. One block west is the station of the elevated. And the new bus system passes by the door. From the point of location and accessibility Abraham Lincoln Centre is fortunately situated. And in addition to this it is practically certain that within the next ten years or at most fifteen years the district from Lincoln Centre, East to the Lake and North to 12th Street will be one of the greatest hotel and apartment districts in Chicago.

There are a number of improvements and alterations that are badly needed, including a door on Langley, playground equipment, prevention of flooding in the basement, the adequate lighting of the auditorium, and general repairs; but these must await the outcome

of our financial campaign to which the chairman has already referred and can be taken care of gradually.

Lincoln Centre owns, free from all encumbrance, an adequate plant which could not now be reproduced for less than $500,000. It has an endowment of $120,000. We now have, as has already been stated, a generous offer from a friend of the Centre to contribute $2.00 for each dollar that can be otherwise secured up to $50,000; that is to say the raising of $50,000 now means $150,000. Our first step, therefore, is to secure contributions and valid pledges totalling $50,000. This would give us $270,000 which plus $30,000 which the Centre administers for UNITY would give us a total of $300,000. With this first step completed we should then, as our total objective, aim at an additional $200,000, giving us a final total of one-half million which would enable both the Centre and UNITY to operate on an effective basis and to render the kind of service which is not now being rendered either in Chicago or elsewhere, since Lincoln Centre and UNITY form a combination of values unique in the social and religious field—non-sectarian, inter-religious, cosmopolitan, cultural, socially progressive.

But the immediate goal in behalf of which we are now organized is the securing from the friends of the Centre of immediate pledges and contributions totaling $50,000 to meet the generous offer of the "Friend of the Centre." This sum, so it seems to me, is easily within our reach if we devote within the next four weeks, even a fraction of our time to the campaign.

Time, energy, and contributions given within the next month will save much time, energy and no end of anxiety in the days to come. With our finances put on a sound basis we can then give our undivided attention to the enhancement of the things that count most —breadth of education, depths of understanding, appreciation of beauty, and the general ennoblement of mankind.

We are the heirs of a noble tradition. We are under compelling obligation to maintain that noble tradition and to enrich it in our own day, and in this way pass it on to those who come after us.

XV. Attendance Chart

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENTS

	No. Classes	Enrollment	No. Wks.	Calls	Visitors	Vol'r Tchrs.	Att'dance
Gymnasium	223	140	31	22	37	7	2025
Piano	..	55	31	32	15	5	1050
Chorus Work	156	45	31	96	193	.	1102
Girls' Clubs	87	45	31	12	48	.	746
Dramatic Clubs	49	55	31	..	..	3	565
Dancing	150	80	31	..	10	8	1326
Domestic Science	117	78	31	3	32	1	1271
Sewing	104	68	31	2	12	3	949
Games Recreational	80	66	31	..	27	6	807
Mothers' Club Meetings	14	60	31	..	..	.	386
Housewives' Club Meetings	15	35	31	..	..	.	343
Pottery Classes	20	25	31	..	..	1	222
Mothers' Club Trips	1	..	..	..	..	.	15
Mothers' Club Luncheon	1	..	..	..	..	.	43
Housewives' Club Bus Trip	1	..	..	..	..	.	80
Picnics	4	..	..	..	..	.	68
Girls' Athletic Meet	1	..	..	..	20	.	55
Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet	1	..	..	..	..	.	200
Camp Reunions and Parties	9	..	..	..	12	.	361
TOTALS	1,033	752	31	167	406	34	11,614

MEN'S AND BOYS' DEPARTMENTS

	No. Classes	Enrollment	No. Wks.	Calls	Visitors	Vol'r Tchrs.	Att'dance
Gymnasium	253	160	31	22	129	2	3315
Games Recreational	215	200	31	5	195	.	4365
Boys' Hikes	4	..	31	..	...	.	45
Boys' Chorus	39	9	..	..	23	.	211
Boy Scout Meetings	19	15	31	..	..	2	230
Basketball Games	2	..	..	..	..	.	20
Boys' Open House	1	..	..	..	..	.	55
Fathers' and Sons' Banquet	1	..	..	..	..	.	78
Camp Reunions and Parties	5	..	..	..	4	.	180
Boys' Track Meet	1	..	..	..	..	.	55
Club Meetings	10	74	31	..	20	.	72
TOTALS	550	458	31	27	371	4	8,626

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

	No. Classes	Enrollment	No. Wks.	Calls	Visitors	Vol'r Tchrs.	Att'dance
Friday Forum	26	..	31	..	..	.	3153
Residence House Meetings	16	..	31	..	..	.	136
Library	..	..	52	..	..	.	70,511
Welfare Department	..	..	..	456	477	.	477
S. S. Business Men's Meetings	15	..	31	..	..	.	401
Dinners—Religious Liberals	3	..	..	..	..	.	275
Political Meetings	10	..	..	..	..	.	915
Concerts and Rehearsals	16	..	..	..	..	.	1.181
Parties	12	..	..	..	..	.	1 280
Oakland Business Men's Dinner	1	..	..	..	..	.	275
Recitals and Programs	6	..	..	..	..	.	585
Oakland Business Men's Dance	1	..	..	..	..	.	450
Inter-Racial Committee Meetings.	6	..	..	..	..	.	114
United Order of Americans	13	..	..	..	..	.	410
Lecture—Eugene V. Debs	1	..	..	..	..	.	300
Unity Board Meeting	1	..	..	..	..	.	7
Danish Dancers	1	..	..	..	..	.	350
Rummage Sale	2	..	..	..	..	.	350
Gamma Initiation	1	..	..	..	..	.	300
Mothers' Club Parties	2	..	..	..	..	.	272
Neighborhood Dances	4	..	..	..	..	.	680
Picnics	4	..	..	..	..	.	80
MAY FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENTS:							
Recital—Miss Nagley	1	..	..	..	..	.	60
Demonstration—Cooking	2	..	..	..	..	.	30
Demonstration—Gym Work	1	..	..	..	..	.	350
Musical Comedy—Snow White	1	..	..	..	..	.	300
Vodvil Nite	1	..	..	..	..	.	200
TOTAL	147	..	31	456	477	..	83,442
GRAND TOTALS	1,730	1,210	31	650	1,254	38	103 682

CATHERINE GAVIN, *Statistician.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

Articles of Association

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES A. ROSE, Secretary of State

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING:

WHEREAS, A CERTIFICATE, duly signed and acknowledged, has been filed, in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1907, for the organization of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE, under and in accordance with the provisions of "AN ACT CONCERNING CORPORATIONS," approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES A. ROSE, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at the City of Springfield [Seal] this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1907, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first.

(Signed) JAMES A. ROSE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK. }

To the Honorable James A. Rose, Secretary of State:

We, the undersigned, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Blewett Lee, and William C. Boyden, citizens of the United States, propose to form a corporation, not for pecuniary profit, under an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and all Acts amendatory thereof; and for the purpose of such organization, we hereby state as follows, to-wit:

(1) The name of such corporation is THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE.

(2) The object for which it is formed is the advancement of the physical, intellectual, social, civic, moral and religious interests of humanity, irrespective of age, sex, creed, race, condition or political opinion, and in furtherance thereof the maintenance of institutions of learning and philanthropy.

(3) The management of the aforesaid corporation shall be vested in a Board of not to exceed fifteen (15) Trustees, which shall be elected each year. The number of Trustees constitute the Board and the mode of their election shall be governed by the By-Laws of the corporation to be enacted from time to time by the Board of Trustees. (As amended Dec. 3, 1925.)

(4) The following persons are hereby selected as Trustees, to control and manage said corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, to-wit: William Kent, Nathan B. Higbie, Lorenzo J. Lamson, Edward Morris, Charles L. Hutchinson, Julian W. Mack, John F. Holland, James P. Hall, Blewett Lee. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Pastor of All Souls Church, and Ira N. Morris, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of All Souls Church.

(5) The location is at the northeast corner of the Oakwood Boulevard and Langley Avenue, in Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

JENKIN LLOYD JONES.
WILLIAM C. BOYDEN.
BLEWETT LEE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK. }

I, Albert G. Miller, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this 27th day of February, A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Blewett Lee, and William C. Boyden, to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing statement, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

ALBERT G. MILLER,
[SEAL] *Notary Public.*

BY-LAWS

ART. I. *Members*—SECTION 1. This corporation shall consist of not to exceed sixty (60) members. The original members of this corporation shall be elected members by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 2. Any vacancy which may at any time hereafter occur in the membership of the corporation, through death, resignation, inability to act, or any other cause whatsoever, shall be filled in the following manner, viz.: The Board of Trustees shall, by a majority vote, nominate in writing some person to fill such vacancy and such nomination in writing shall be presented to the members of the corporation, at its next annual meeting after the making thereof, or at any adjournment thereof, or at any special meeting of the members of the corporation called for such purpose, or at any adjournment thereof, and if the person so nominated shall thereupon be elected by the members of the corporation to fill such vacancy, he shall, upon such election and his acceptance thereof, become a member of the corporation. In case any person so nominated by the Board of Trustees to fill such vacancy shall be rejected by the members of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, by a majority vote, continue to make in the same manner further nominations in writing, until some person so nominated shall have been elected by the members of the corporation to fill such vacancy, and on such election and his acceptance thereof said person shall become a member of the corporation.

SEC. 3. A member who shall fail to attend two successive annual meetings of the corporation shall thereby cease to be a member of the corporation, but the Board of Trustees, by a majority vote, may reinstate such person in membership.

ART. II. *Trustees*—SECTION 1. All of the affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of eleven (11) Trustees, who shall be elected as such Trustees by the members of the corporation, from among their own number, at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation (or some adjournment thereof), and said Trustees not acting *ex-officio* shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been duly elected.

SEC. 2. In case any vacancy in the Board of Trustees shall occur by reason of death, resignation, inability to act, or any other cause, such vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Trustees, at any general or special meeting. Any person chosen by the Board of Trustees to fill any such vacancy shall hold office until such vacancy shall have been filled by the members of the corporation at their annual meeting (or some adjournment thereof), or at a special meeting (or some adjournment thereof) of said members, called for the purpose of filling the same.

ART. III. *Meetings*—SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of this corporation held on the second Thursday in January in each year. The Board of Trustees at any special meeting may change the date of the annual meeting to any other date on written notice to the mem-

bers of the corporation mailed at least three (3) days before the day of the proposed meeting. Special meetings of the members of the corporation may be called at any time by the President, on written notice to the members mailed at least two (2) days before the day of the meeting. Ten (10) members present, in person or by proxy, at any annual or special meeting of the members of the corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the corporation.

SEC. 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, in each year, and it shall be held immediately after, and on the same day as, the annual meeting of the members of this corporation. Such annual meeting of the Board of Trustees may, by a majority vote of the Trustees present at such meeting, be adjourned to any date within one (1) month thereafter, without giving notice of such adjournment.

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President at any time on written notice to all the Trustees, mailed at least two (2) days before the day of such meeting. Five Trustees shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Trustees, for the transaction of any business.

SEC. 3. Less than a quorum of either the Board of Trustees or of the corporate members may meet and adjourn, either indefinitely, to a fixed date, or subject to the call of the President.

ART. IV. *Officers and Committees*—SECTION 1. At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, or any adjournment thereof, the Board of Trustees shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members of the corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall be *ex-officio* member of all committees and sub-committees, with power to appoint a substitute *pro tem.* The President shall make a full report at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation upon the work of the Abraham Lincoln Centre during the preceding year.

SEC. 3. The Vice-President shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the President, in case of the President's absence or inability to act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall have the custody of all the books and papers of the corporation, and shall make and preserve complete records of all meetings of the members of the corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall perform all such other duties as may be required by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep the funds of the corporation, and shall disburse the same, subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees. His books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board of Trustees, or any person designated by them to examine the same. The Treasurer shall make a financial report at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation, and shall make such other reports from time to time to the corporation or the Board of Trustees as from time to time may be required by either of them.

ART. V. *Amendments*—These By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation may be modified, altered or amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by majority of the whole Board of Trustees, *provided* notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all of the Trustees at least one (1) week prior to the day of such meeting.

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